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### WAR WITH TEUTONS HINGES ON FATE OF FIRST ARMED LINER

Wilson Loath to Act Further -Loss of 3 Freighters Saturday Is Not Thought Sufficient Cause for War.

MAY AID ALLIES IN GUARDING SEA

U. S. Navy, With Army, Prepares--40 Submarine Chasers are Begun - Interned German Sailors Escape.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 20.-Actual declaration of war by the United formance off Nantucket last summer States against the Imperial Govern- will be repeated. Navy and Army dement of Germany appears to depend partments today are buzzing with upon the fate which befalls the first preparations. The navy bears the armed American liner. It also ap- brunt of the work, but under the surpeared today that avowal of hostili- face the army has shaped a plan By United Press ties by President Wilson will not re- whereby it can call out the National ican freighters last Saturday.

Although taking every preparatory step which he believes can be taken, President Wilson is loath to take further action. He has, however, more aggresive steps under consideration and this afternoon discussed with the cabinet, which convened at 2:30 o'clock, all phases of the proposition. It has been ascertained that the President strongly questioned the advisability of forcing the present situation. But he is understood to feel that everything that can be done to meet actual hostilities, now believed to be inevitable, has been done.

The President further questions whether calling Congress into extra session before April 16 would accomplish any particular good. The President is understood to feel that the program he has outlined thus far does not call for an actual declaration of war, despite calls from all parts of the country for such an act. If an armed American ship is attacked, the cision is announced.

Certain members of President Wilson's cabinet, when they arrived at the White House just before the cabnet session this afternoon, were outspoken in their views that a state of war now exists between the United | Interned German Sallors Escape. States and Germany.

While saying that they believed a declaration of war is unnecessary at German sailors from the interned Gerthis time, they were firm in standing man boats in the navy yards are today for preparation for hostilities. They at large, according to the belief of intimated that when the President police here. By catching up conflictnext addressed Congress, he will say ing stories of four recaptured men, district. French troops were in conthat a state of war has existed with the police believe that fourteen tried tact with the enemy throughout the Germany since last Wednesday when to swim their way to liberty in the entire district. The difficulties of the American steamer Algonquin was icy water last night. Police were led

mense advantage in coping with sub- themselves, but that it was part of a marines after the gain derived by general movement on the part of Philcoming into a state of active warfare adelphia Germans or German sympawithout a formal declaration of war, thizers to liberate the men. military men held here today. They engage in an industrial co-operation captured sailors. The names of five

er supply systems and aqueducts on after the men made their escape. which the nation's largest centers de-

U. S. May Help Guard Seas.

WASHINGTON, March 20.-The negotiating with these nations.

through the State Department With opinion that there is a greater chance its proposed ficet of patrol and chaser for a storm on April 21 than on March boas, plus larger navy vessels, the 21, because of the greater contrasts in United States will be in a position to temperature in April. offer protection to commerce off the American coast, while Great Britain H. E. Jones and Mrs. Viola Street Wed. and France will be expected to recip- Mrs. Viola Street of Hinton, and H. granted a license to marry Miss Dasrocate in the barred zone.

menace may be brought directly home, Stockton of the County Court. Both gomery, gave his consent. Both perthat situations such as the U-53 per- had been married before.

THE CALENDAR March 20.—Hilustrated lecture on "The So-cial Aspects of Foreign Missions" by Prof. A. W. Taylor in the Y. M. C. A. Building at 6:45 o'clock.

22.—A pianoforte recital by Miss Hallie Copeland, at Stephens Col-lege Auditorium, at 8:15 o'clock 22.—Address before the University women by Miss Louise Stanley of the home economics department on "Opportunities for Women in Dia-tetics" at 4 o'clock in Room 220, Academic Hall.

23.—Address by Major Delano on 'The United States Marine Corps' at 4:15 o'clock in the University Auditorium.

March 24.—Vaudeville show in the University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock by the members of the Women's Athletic Association.

March 26—Address by Dr. C. A. Ellwood on "Christianity and the Healing of the Nations," in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 6:45 o'clock.

28.—"The Silver Box," a play under the auspices of the University Dramatic Club at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium
29.—Vaudeville by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 8:15 o'clock. March 31.—Vandeville matinee by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 2:30 o'clock.

Same Rumors Have Been Current In This Country -No Proof. . .

District Under Way Despite Bad Weather.

LODON, March 20.-Unconfirmed rumors of a revolution in Germany are making the rounds of brokers' offices here today.

the United States for the last two days. Today rumors went so far as of W. H. Sapp. Boone County's repreto intimate that something had happened to the kaiser. None of the ru- lumbia. mors can be traced to definite sources.

German Retreat Slows Up.

LONDON, March 20.—Germany's result from the sinking of three Amer- Guard and furnish officers to train treat on the west front slowed up con-

> If, drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe-Such boasting as the Gentiles use, Or lesser breeds without the Law-Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust In reeking tube and iron shard-All valiant dust that builds on dust, And guarding calls not Thee to guard-For frantic boast and foolish word, Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!

-Rudyard Kipling

a half million men.

having its effect.

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.-Ten to believe that the attempt to get said. The United States will gain im- away was not confined to the men

This belief is supported by the fact have so told the White House officials. that several names were found on the would soon break the Central Powers. Americans in Jersey City and four in are naturally being kept secret, signs lieved that these addresses were given federal protection is to be accorded cutting of trolley feed wires near the railroad bridges, seacoast towns, wat- navy yard. This was done shortly

SPRING! IT'S DUE TOMORROW

No Equinoctial Storm Will Delay Arrival, George Reeder Says.

Although tomorrow is the date of United States. Great Britain and the spring equinox, when the sun will France will join in guarding the cross the celectial equator, there will transatlantic ship lanes against Ger- be no accompanying storms, accordman U-boats, if present plans mater- ing to George Reeder, meteorologist. ialize. The Administration expected Mr. Reeder said that just because the to begin today the work of informally earth's axis will be square with the sun is no reason for a storm to race This problem will be undertaken over the country. It is Mr. Reeder's

E. Jones of Franklin, were married erine Montgomery, 17 years old, to-Navy men believe the submarine this morning by Judge James T. day, after the girl's father, Joe Mont-

siderably this afternoon. Dispatches The New York navy yard today from headquarters of the British forc- cratic senators. If they condemn me situation then will call for the next began work on forty submarine chas- es said today that this might be atsituation then will call for the next forward step. The President is de-bids will be opened for 200 or more may mean that the Germans are meetclared today, however, to be still considering all phases of the present situation, and it may be a day or two, possibly more, before any further dehastening the navy preparations. The up. The British statement revealed a Governor's measures. I believe that contend that the ruling of the Su-8-Hour Law has been cast aside in number of engagements along the we are standing upon the threshold preme Court does not give the Governthe navy yard, and if commandeering whole front and likewise gave indica- of a new era in Missouri insofar as ment such power. is needed it will be taken. The tense- tions of a new character of fighting good roads are concerned. ness of the international situation is after two and one-half years of trench warfare.

Allies Continue to Advance.

By United Press PARIS, March 20.-Despite bad weather, slight progress and the destruction of all means of German communication were reported by the official statement today from the Aisne ure and through his secretary did valadvance are growing, the statement

WASHINGTON U. AFTER SCHULTE! ends.

St. Louis Times Says Tiger Coach Is Considered for Edmund's Place.

The St. Louis Times yesterday said Under such a condition this country, men captured. The name of Rich- that Henry F. Schulte, coarh of the they pointed out this afternoon, could ard Stein was found on one of the Tiger football and track teams, was leading the list of candidates for the with the Allies, which, it is believed, other Philadelphia men, five German- position of director of athletics at Washington University to succeed Di-While details of the defense plans Hoboken were also found. It is be- rector Edmunds, who recently resigned. Others who are being considered increased this afternoon that the Gov- to the would-be fugitives to indicate along with Coach Schulte are Dr. E. ernment officials realize the necessity places of refuge. The investigation is J. Stewart of the University of Nefor a largely increased land force if also being made this afternoon of the braska and Homer Thomas of Purdue, the St. Louis Times said.

Coach Schulte said this afternoon that he knew nothing of the selection of the Washington athletic director and that he had not made an application for the position.

To Dramatize "Timothy's Quest." The students of the University High School will give a dramatization of scenes from "Timothy's Quest," a novel by Kate Douglas Wiggin, in the University High Schol Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Basil D. Gauntlett, director of music at Stephens College, and his pupils will have charge of the program at the assembly of the University High School tomorrow morning.

Consents to Daughter's Marriage.

Johnnie Rodgers, 23 years old, was sons live in Columbia.

# LONDON GETS REPORT | SAPP REVIEWS WORK

Tax Commission Law the Greatest of All Measures Passed, He Says.

ADVANCE DIFFICULT AID FOR GOOD ROADS

General Conflict in Aisne Fair Treatment Accorded the University After Motives Were Explained.

That the men who composed the Forty-Ninth General Assembly of Missouri formed the most patriotic body that ever sat in the legislative The same rumors of a revolution in chamber, and that the ulterior purpose Germany have been in circulation in of all was to rehabilitate the financial machinery of Missouri, is the opinion sentative, who has returned to Co-

"I believe the new tax commission will be the most meritorious of all the laws enacted," said Mr. Sapp. "Its purpose is the equalization of taxes among the people rather than to in- \$3,500 away had been adopted. I told crease the burdens of the individual tax payers. Governor Gardner's peni- agreed to have the \$3,500 restored in tentiary and revenue bills will prove more popular when people understand them better. A great amount of praise is due Governor Gardner for the personal efforts he made in getting his bills through.

Gave Attention to Road Legislation. commended by others for voting for spective conference committees. With all the administration measures. To this the Arab folded his tent and stole those who see fit to attack me for quietly away. Some say that his work joining hands with the governor upon ended in failure and with them I shall this subject. I ask that they withhold not quarrel." their judgment until all these laws shall have been tried, and then if they are found wanting I am willing to acknowledge my mistake. The Democrats of Boone County, I am sure, did not wish me to arrogate unto myself Supreme Court Ruling Gives a supposed wisdom in excess of the combined judgment of the Governor. seventy-seven other Democratic representatives and twenty-four Demo-

keenly interested. I am sure, in the pay for a 9-hour day by an arbitraof Joplin introduced a similar bili and we joined the same with the result that it became a law. The Governor became interested in this measuable work in securing its passage. His work together with the efforts of the Columbia Commercial Club increased freight and passenger rates brought about the passage of this bill. I believe that we will be favored with for the increased wages they will be an electric line as soon as the war

The University Appropriation.

"I presume you have noticed," continued Mr. Sapp, "the fair treatment day. accorded the University and its officers, notwithstanding the feeling that existed at the beginning of the session. Well, we just explained the were making the fight and the membership of both Houses handed down your attention to an instance that is rather interesting to me at least. After the House had passed the educational appropriation bill a certain man came down there and attempted to have the total amount appropriated for the University reduced 10 percent. I heard of it and took Representative Frank Farris of Rolla with me to see Senator Buford, to the end that he might carry out his promise to me to the effect that the Senate should not reduce the amount carried in the House bill for the University. Mr. Farris stopped that. As a last effort this man took a Columbia paper to Mr. Farris which contained an article which did not speak very well of Mr. Farris and with it induced him to have \$3,500 struck from the amount carried in the House bill for the School of Journalism. I obtained a yesterday decided to change the heatpromise from Mr. Farris that this ing and ventilation systems of the Euamount should be restored in the con- gene Field and Fred Douglass schools ference committee and then hastened back to inform Senator Harris. When because the latter is the more eco-I returned to the Senate, Senator Bu- nomical. The new system also makes Hill. "Our system of management is of beginning a fight as Senator Har- quickly. The cost of the change is es ris had moved to reconsider the vote timated at \$550.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, probab-ly showers; not much change in temper-ature; lowest tonight above the freez-

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Shippers' Forecast: Prepare shipments within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia to withstand temperatures as follows: above freezing in all directions.

Weather Conditions.

In the northern border states temperatures still are somewhat below the freezing point but there as well as elsewhere the weather is slowly changing to the spring type.

Unsettled conditions obtain in nearly all sections but there has been only light precipitation which has fallen at widely separated places.

Low pressure waves dominate the weather in most of the territory between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, and conditions in Columbia are likely to be unsettled and showery during the next thirty-six hours.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 65 and the lowest last night was 38; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday was 27 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 54 and the lowest 31; precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanae.

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Moon rises, 4:29 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

by which the amendment taking the Senator Harris that Mr. Farris had conference and at my request he withdrew his motion, thereby closing Buford's speech before any damaging statements had been made.

"Senator Harris and I had the pleasure, to me it was a great opportunity, to restore the \$3,500, as we "I have been abused by some and were appointed chairmen of the re-

U. S. Power, Sav Managers-Trainmen Differ.

NEW YORK, March 20 .- The Adam-

The Switchmen's Union of North "The people of Boone County are America, which was awarded 10-hour bill I introduced concerning the in- tion board recently, "will be taken vestment of foreign capital in electric care of" when the present contract, railroads in this state. Senator Bates | signed for one year, expires, according to another statement from the mana-

> Railroads May Ask Higher Rates. By United Pres

WASHINGTON, March 20.-Congress, at the coming extra session, will be asked to pass a law granting to railroads, thus reimbursing them compelled to pay under the Adamson Law, prominent railroad heads and officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission told the United Press to-

Since the Supreme Court has decided that Congress has the power to fix wages for trainmen, then it has the power to legislate railroad rates, a sinister motives of the two men who prominent government official said this afternoon.

a verdict in our favor. I might call COLUMBIA GETS STATE OFFICER It is unnecessary for you to have any **Bill Moves Drug and Food Commission** 

From St. Louis. The headquarters of the state drug and food commissioner will be moved from St. Louis to Columbia. A bill has been passed in the Legislature, which provides for placing the commissioner and his deputies under the authority of the State Board of Agriculture and will require the moving of the headquarters of the department to Columbia.

F. H. Fricke of St. Louis is commissioner, and G. B. Cook of Fredericktown is deputy commissioner. The bill also provides that deputies will be paid \$1,200 instead of \$1,500 a year.

Change Heating Systems.

The Columbia Board of Education from a one-pipe to a two-pipe system

### 400 WOODMEN HERE:

Delegates and Visitors Open Session at Auditorium After Procession.

BAND LEADS PARADE

W. O. W. Sends Message to President Indorsing Administration in Crisis.

The following telegram was sent to President Wilson today by the 400 delegates attending the Missouri state convention of the Woodmen of the World at Columbia:

"President Woodrow Wilson. White House, Washington.

"The Woodmen of the World, in Missouri State Convention assembled, thank God for your intellect and backbone in this hour of national need. We are with you to a man. Our uniformed teams in military training are ready to answer your call with emphasis. We are ready to exchange our wooden axes for steel bayonets for the protection of our women and children, liberty, and the rights of others."

More than 400 delegates and visitors from over Missouri had gathered in Columbia this morning for the opening session of the state convention of the Woodmen of the World. Inciuded among the delegates were uniformed organizations from Kansas City and Excelsior Springs.

W. A. Fraser of Omaha, Neb., sovereign commander, was present for the opening session. J. E. Fitzgerald of Kansas City, chairman of the sovereign board of auditors, is also attending the convention. The sessions are being conducted by Claude Manlove of Kansas City, head consul of Missouri and are scheduled to end tomorrow night.

The convention opened at 9:30 o'clock this morning with a parade from the University campus and the Auditorium where the main sessions are being held. The parade was headed by a section of the University Cadet Band, followed by fifty delegates from St. Louis equipped with imitation bard instruments, through which the men hummed popular tunes. The procession extended for three blocks. being flanked in the rear by the uniformed delegates.

The opening session was called to order by Head Consul Manlove. Invocation was offered by the Rev. Charles C. Grimes of the Broadway Methodist Church.

G. S. Starrett Gives Delegates Keys. City Attorney George S. Starrett delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city. Mr. Starrett told the delegates that the doors of Columbia and the University of Missouri were open to them and they were invited to make a thorough tour of inspection of all parts of the city. "There is nothing hidden about the University and we want you all to see it," said Mr. Starrett. "Columbia also has two fine women's colleges, two excellent high schools and a magnificent system of ward schools. keys to Columbia for the heart of the city is unlocked to all visitors." As a token of Columbia's hospitality, Attorney Starrett closed his address by presenting the delegates a large wood-

The Rev. A. N. Lindsey of Clinton. candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the last primary election, responded to the welcome for the visiting Woodmen. Mr. Lindsey pointed out the many things that make Missouri stand out as a leading state and closed with a fitting tribute to Columbia and the University.

President Hill Welcomes Delegates. The address of welcome on behalf of the University was given by President A. Ross Hill. In the few minutes that he spoke, Doctor Hill urged the delegates to look into all departments of the University, including the business side. "The University of Missouri and other state universities were the originators of the city manager plan of government." said Mr.

exactly the model from which this (Continued on page four.)